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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-67011)

DATE: 3/13/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-18777) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED

[REDACTED] *find* [REDACTED]

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The title of this case is being marked "changed" to reflect the name of [REDACTED] used by [REDACTED] when residing at [REDACTED] during 1960-1961.

ReNYlets to the Bureau and interested offices 12/21/62, 2/1, 4 and 5/63 and NYlet to Bureau and Boston dated 2/19/63.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] unless otherwise indicated.

For the information of the San Diego Office which has not received prior communications in this case, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His history in the United

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1-Boston (Info) (RM)  
1-Chicago (65-4476) (Info) (RM)  
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2-San Diego (RM)  
1-New York (65-18777)

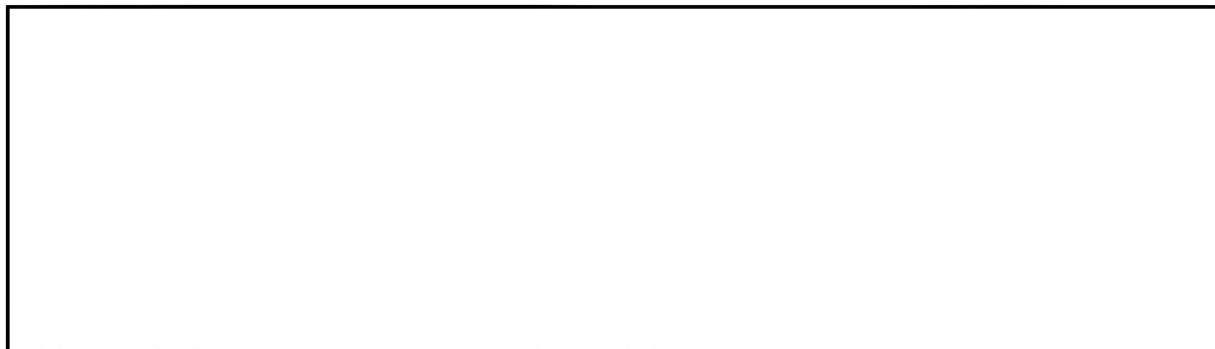
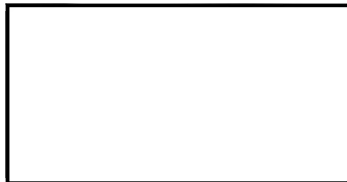
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various people connected with NYSIB, one of whom was a DANIEL FRY, address unknown. Possibility exists that this DANIEL FRY is identical with the DANIEL W. FRY who will subsequently be mentioned in this letter.



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Also located on this table was a type written letter dated 6/2/62, addressed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This letter is signed "Daniel W. Fry, Editor-Publisher." The body of this letter reads as follows:

"I received [REDACTED] of New York which will be published in the current issue of "Understanding" magazine, August, 1962. If by any reason these articles cannot be published by that time I will return them to the author within the next 14 days from this date."

Attached to this letter was a second type written sheet dated 6/2/62, and signed by DANIEL W. FRY entitled "Author-Editor/Publishers Agreement". This sheet of paper contains the following list of [REDACTED] purportedly written and copyrighted by [REDACTED]

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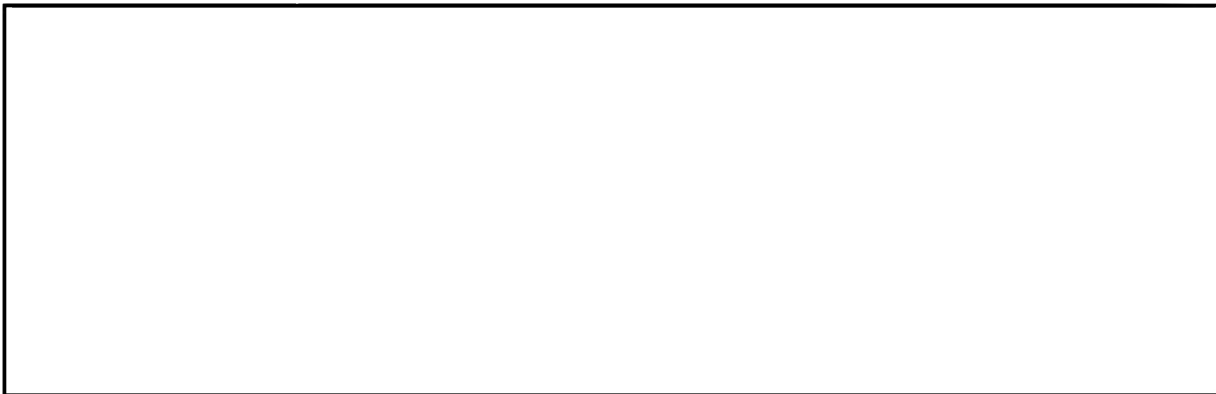
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The address on the bottom of this second letter was West Covina, California.

A review of the referenced indices of the New York Public Library revealed no reference to a magazine entitled "Understanding" nor to an author named DANIEL W. FRY. NYO



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LEADS:

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will check indices re [redacted] and DANIEL W. FRY, West Covina, California..

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At West Covina, California

Will attempt to obtain background data re FRY and the "Understanding Magazine."

Will obtain copies of this magazine for July, August and September, 1962, and review same for the articles supposedly written by the subject and published in August, 1962. It is requested that copies of these articles be furnished the New York Office.



DIRECTOR, FBI (65-67011)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-7076) (RUC)

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Re New York letter to Director, dated March 13, 1963,  
and New York airtel to Director, dated March 20, 1963.

Enclosed for New York are the following:

[REDACTED]

W. FRY.

(4) One copy of "White Sands Incident," by DANIEL

[REDACTED]

Los Angeles indices contain several references to DANIEL FRY, all of which pertain to his activities with flying saucers with the exception of one reference reporting his having been a passenger of the SS KOTA BAROB in November, 1943, and was accordingly involved in a foreign travel control investigation at that time. Nothing derogatory was developed during that investigation. None of the references was of a derogatory nature. These references make mention of FRY being President of "Understanding."

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A check of the current telephone directories of the Los Angeles area disclosed a listing of Understanding, Inc., located at [redacted] California, telephone [redacted]. By personal observation on March 21, 1963, by SA [redacted] it was determined that this is a private dwelling.

On April 1, 1963, [redacted] OSI, Cheli Air Force Station, California, advised SA [redacted] that he had no information in his files regarding PRY or Understanding, Inc.

On April 1, 1963, SAs [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at her residence [redacted] California.

[redacted] of Understanding, Inc. DANIEL PRY, the founder and President of the Understanding movement is presently residing in Merlin, Oregon, where he is endeavoring to establish a utopian community.

[redacted] made available a reproduced copy of page six of the Sunday, January 6, 1963, issue of the "Medford Mail Tribune," Medford, Oregon. This entire page is an article about DANIEL E. PRY, which article is captioned, "A Conversation with Daniel E. Pry, Scientist living in Merlin." This article was written by CLEVE TWITCHELL. A cursory review of the issues of "Understanding" made available by [redacted] revealed that CLEVE TWITCHELL is a frequent contributor to "Understanding."

[redacted] also made available a two-page mimeographed article captioned, "Merlin" which describes Merlin in the first paragraph as a "self-sufficient, planned community designed to bring together groups of similar interests and beliefs."



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[redacted] also made available the yearbook editions of "Understanding" for the years 1958 through 1961, which is a bound composite edition of all issues for each year, as well as single monthly editions of "Understanding" for 1962, and up to and including March, 1963. A review of all issues of "Understanding" failed to locate any articles having the copies obtained by [redacted] in a letter written to subject by DANIEL W. FRY June 2, 1962. No articles were located authored by subject under any of his known aliases.

[redacted] also furnished a copy of "The White Sands Incident," written by DANIEL W. FRY. This book is a report by FRY of his alleged contact with and travel in a flying saucer.

These items enclosed for New York, which are both articles about FRY and Merlin, FRY's book and the July, August and September, 1962, issues of "Understanding", are furnished to New York to aid in its evaluation of the Understanding movement, DANIEL W. FRY and subject's contact with the Understanding movement.

[redacted] advised there are no indices maintained of the names of persons submitting articles for "Understanding." Articles are received from all parts of the country and from all sorts of individuals. Generally speaking, [redacted] to Mr. FRY, who then decides what is to appear in "Understanding." He returns a final draft [redacted]

[redacted] It is quite probable that a specific name of a contributor would mean nothing to [redacted] or Mr. FRY. A library is maintained at Merlin, Oregon, but [redacted] had some doubts as to how complete this library is or how well it is organized.

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